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SUBJ: NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE

1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM TWO NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLES
APPEARING ON NOVEMBER 19, 1973 (ENTIRE ARTICLES BEING
POUCHED).

2. 2 AMERICANS SLAIN IN CHILE: THE UNANSWERED QUESTIONS,
BY MARVINE HOWE, SANTIAGO, CHILE, NOV. 5 RPT. 5. -- TWO
QUIET YOUNG AMERICANS MET VIOLENT DEATH IN THE TROUBLED
AFTERMATH OF THE MILITARY COUP D'ETAT HERE TWO MONTHS AGO,
AND THE REASON IS STILL UNCLEAR.

3. INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE DEATHS OF CHARLES E. HORMAN,
A 31-YEAR-OLD FILMMAKER FROM NEW YORK, AND FRANK TERUGGI,
A 23-YEAR-OLD ECONOMICS STUDENT FROM CHICAGO, RAISE DISTURB-
ING QUESTIONS, IN THE OPINION OF FRIENDS OF THE VICTIMS,
ABOUT THE ROLE OF SOME UNITED STATES OFFICIALS IN THE
CRISIS AND ABOUT THE FAILURE TO PROTECT AMERICAN CITIZENS...

4. OF COURSE THERE WERE MANY ACCIDENTS IN THE TROUBLED
WEEKS AFTER THE COUP, AND THERE IS NOTHING TO RULE OUT
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ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING IN THE CASES OF MR. HORMAN AND MR.
TERUGGI. BUT ON THE BASIS OF THE MILD PERSONALITIES OF THE
TWO AMERICANS AND THE DISCREPANCIES IN THE OFFICIAL REPORTS,
THE THEORY IS WIDELY DOUBTED.

5. "IT CAN'T BE A COMPLETE MISHAP BECAUSE THE AUTHORITIES CALLED BOTH OF THEM BY NAME--TERUGGI IN THE STADIUM, WHERE HE WAS A PRISONER, AND HORMAN AT THE HOMES OF TWO FRIENDS," SAID AN AMERICAN RESIDENT IN CHILE WHO KNEW BOTH MEN WELL AND HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING THEIR DEATHS.

6. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE KILLINGS WERE CONNECTED OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT THE TWO MEN ARE SAID TO HAVE DIED IN THE SAME VIOLENT WAY. THEY WERE ACQUAINTED AND HAD A NUMBER OF MUTUAL FRIENDS, BUT THEY WERE NOT CLOSE FRIENDS..

7. ON THE WEEKEND BEFORE THE COUP MR. HORMAN TOOK TERRY SIMON, A HOUSEGUEST FROM NEW YORK, TO SEE THE SIGHTS OF VALPARAISO AND THE COAST....

8. MR. HORMAN AND MISS SIMON WERE GIVEN A RIDE BACK TO SANTIAGO ON SEPTEMBER 15 BY CAPTAIN RAY DAVIS, CHIEF OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY MISSION HERE,....

9. ACCORDING TO MRS. HORMAN, HER HUSBAND BROUGHT WITH HIM INFORMATION ON AMERICAN ACTIVITIES AT VALPARAISO ON THE EVE OF AND DURING THE COUP. THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN RELAYED TO FRIENDS.

10."CHARLIE'S INFORMATION IS INTERESTING AS PART OF THE GENERAL PICTURE OF UNITED STATES INTERVENTION IN THE CHILE CRISIS, BUT IT DID NOT WARRANT KILLING HIM OFF," SAID A FRIEND WHO HAS HAD ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION...A RETIRED AMERICAN ENGINEER WHO HAD BEEN AT THE 13TH NAVAL DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS IN THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, "WE CAME DOWN TO DO A JOB AND IT'S DONE."...

11. ON MR. HORMAN'S RETURN FROM VALPARAISO, HE DISCUSSED THE SITUATION WITH HIS WIFE AND THEY DECIDED THEY SHOULD LEAVE CHILE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, MISS SIMON SAID.

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12. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, MR. HORMAN REGISTERED IN A DOWNTOWN HOTEL. THEN HE AND MISS SIMON TRIED TO GET AIR-PLANE SEATS. THEY WERE TOLD TO GO TO THE EMBASSY, WHICH WAS SAID TO BE DRAWING UP A LIST OF AMERICANS WHO WANTED TO LEAVE. AT THE EMBASSY THEY WERE TOLD TO GO TO THE CONSULATE, IN ANOTHER PART OF TOWN.

13. TWO HOURS LATER MR. HORMAN WAS ARRESTED IN HIS HOME BY MILITARY MEN, TAKEN AWAY AND NEVER SEEN AGAIN.

14. ALONE AT THE TIME, HE HAD GONE TO GET THE FAMILY'S BELONGINGS. HIS NWIFE WAS DOING SOME FINAL SHOPPING AND MISS SIMON HAD GONE TO THE CONSULATE, THERE TO BE TOLD BY

A CONSUL THAT HE KNEW NO SPECIAL MEASURES TO GET AMERICANS OUT AND THAT SHE SHOULD INQUIRE AT THE AIRLINE, BRANIFF.

15. NEIGHBORS REPORTED THAT MILITARY MEN BROKE INTO THE SMALL HOUSE RENTED BY THE HORMANS AT 5:30PM USING A LADDER TO SCALE THE WALL. THEY RAIDED THE HOUSE AND TOOK MR. HORMAN TOWARD THE NATIONAL STADIUM, ACCORDING TO A WITNESS....

16. ON THE MORNING OF THE 18TH CHILEAN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS CALLED TWO OF MR. HORMAN'S FRIENDS AND ASKED THEM TO VISIT THE POLICE AND GIVE INFORMATION ABOUT HIM. NEITHER WENT, BUT ONE OF THEM, A UNITED NATIONS OFFICIAL SAYS HE CALLED THE AMERICAN CONSUL, FREDERICK D. PURDY, TO REPORT THE INCIDENT. MR. PURDY DENIED TO NEWSMEN HAVING RECEIVED THE CALL....

17. IT WAS CAPTAIN DAVIS WHO APPEARED TO BE LEADING THE EMBASSY INVESTIGATION INTO THE CASE. HE ASKED MRS. HORMAN FOR A PICTURE OF HER HUSBAND AND A DETAILED DESCRIPTION. HE ALSO ASKED FOR A LIST OF THEIR FRIENDS, WHICH SHE REFUSED.

18. FINALLY, ON OCTOBER 19 THE CHILEAN MILITARY-INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OFFICIALLY INFORMED MR. HORMAN THAT HIS SON HAD DIED BY GUNFIRE AND WAS BURIED IN THE NATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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CEMETARY. IDENTIFICATION WAS MADE, THEY SAID, BY FINGER-PRINTS. YET MILITARY INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS DENIED HAVING PICKED CHARLES HORMAN UP, NOR, ACCORDING TO HIS FATHER, WAS THERE ANY RECORD OF HIM AT THE STADIUM OR IN ANY PRISON....

19. MEMBERS OF THE HORMAN FAMILY HAVE NOT SEEN THE AUTOPSY REPORT, WHICH IS SAID TO GIVE AS CAUSE OF DEATH "MULTIPLE BULLET WOUNDS," NOR HAVE THEY BEEN GIVEN ANY EXPLANATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

20. THE AUTOPSY REPORT FOR THE OTHER AMERICAN, MR. TERUGGI, GIVES THE SAME CAUSE OF DEATH--MULTIPLE BULLET WOUNDS 9 TO 17 OF THEM- YET A COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENT, STEVEN VOLK, WHO IDENTIFIED MR. TERUGGI'S BODY AT THE MORGUE, INSISTS THAT HE DID NOT SEE 17 WOUNDS BUT ONLY A

GASH IN THE NECK AND A HOLE IN THE CHEEK.

21. MR. PURDY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF "TECHNICAL DISCREPANCIES" CONNECTED WITH BOTH DEATHS.

22. A PRINCIPAL ONE IN THE TERUGGI CASE IS THE OFFICIAL CONTENTION THAT HE WAS ARRESTED "BECAUSE HE WAS OUTSIDE

AFTER CURFEW." YET, ACCORDING TO A FRIEND, DAVID HATHAWAY, HE AND MR. TERUGGI WERE ARRESTED ON SEPTEMBER 20 AT 8:15 PM, 15 MINUTES AFTER THE CURFEW, IN THE APARTMENT THEY SHARED....

23. OFFICIAL SOURCES SAID THAT MR. TERUGGI WAS SET FREE ON SEPTEMBER 21, BUT THERE IS NO RECORD OF HIS RELEASE NOR DID HE MAKE CONTACT WITH HIS FRIENDS...

24. ...MOST PEOPLE WHO KNEW HIM SAY HE WAS SOMETHING OF A LONER, QUIET, MONKLIKE AND COMPLETELY DEDICATED TO THE CAUSE OF SOCIALISM.

25. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MILITARY JUNTA, IN CONFIRMING MR. TERUGGI'S DEATH, DESCRIBED HIM AS "A REBEL, OF QUICK TEMPER, EASILY DISTURBED." HE SUGGESTED THAT NEWSMEN GO UNCLASSIFIED

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TO THE EMBASSY FOR MORE DETAILS.

26. "WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH OF EITHER HORMAN OR TERUGGI,"THE CONSUL, MR. PURDY, SAID, ADDING THAT THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY HAD ASKED THE CHILEANS FOR AN INVESTIGATION.

EXCERPTS FROM THE SECOND ARTICLE FOLLOW:

27. VICTIM'S FATHER IS BITTER AT U.S. HANDLING OF CASE -- THE FATHER OF A 31-YEAR OLD AMERICAN FILMMAKER AND WRITER KILLED IN CHILE DURING THE SEPTEMBER COUP BELIEVES THAT THE HANDLING OF HIS SON'S CASE BY UNITED STATES OFFICIALS IN SANTIAGO WAS EITHER A COVER-UP OR AN INCREDIBLE APATHETIC BIT OF STUPIDITY.

28. EDMUND C. HORMAN...AND CHARLES'S WIFE, JOYCE, BELIEVE THAT HIS DEATH COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED IF THE AMERICAN CONSULATE HAD ACTED ON INFORMATION IT RECEIVED THAT MORNING, THE DAY AFTER CHARLES WAS DETAINED.

29. OFFICIAL UNITED STATES CONSULATE DOCUMENTS MADE AVAILABLE BY MR. HORMAN SHOW THAT THE CONSULATE KNEW OF CHARLES'S SEIZURE ON THE 18TH. THE DOCUMENTS ALSO SHOW THAT THE

CHILEAN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE WAS QUESTIONING HIS FRIENDS ABOUT HIS ACTIVITIES.

30. YET 17 DAYS LATER, ACCORDING TO MR. HORMAN, A CONSULAR OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF THE CASE DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THIS INFORMATION....

31. A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL, ASKED ABOUT THE HANDLING OF THE CASE AND MR. HORMAN'S CHARGES, SAID, "THE EMBASSY AND CONSULATE FOLLOWED UP ON EVERY CLUE AND BIT OF INFORMATION THEY RECEIVED REGARDING THE INCIDENT....

32. MR. HORMAN....SAYS HE LEARNED OF HIS SON'S ARREST FOUR DAYS AFTER IT OCCURRED.

33. PLACING A CALL TO HIS SON'S HOME, HE WAS INFORMED THAT HE HAD MOVED. THE CALL WAS SWITCHED TO THE CONSULATE AND UNCLASSIFIED

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MR. HORMAN WAS TOLD BY A CONSULAR OFFICIAL THAT HIS SON HAD BEEN ARRESTED....

34. MR. HORMAN AND HIS FAMILY HOPE TO PRESENT THE FACTS OF CHARLES'S DEATH TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES INVESTIGATING THE SITUATION IN CHILE AND THE QUESTION WHETHER AID SHOULD BE REINSTATED...

35. IN CHICAGO THE FAMILY OF FRANK TERUGGI, THE OTHER YOUNG AMERICAN KILLED DURING THE COUP, IS TAKING STEPS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE HORMAN FAMILY. THEY HAVE APPEALED TO THEIR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND ARE TRYING TO FIND OUT FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT JUST HOW AND WHY HE WAS KILLED....

36. ON OCTOBER 5....MR. HORMAN...ASKED IF ANY LEADS HAD DEVELOPED RELATING TO THE PHONE CALLS AND NEIGHBORS' REPORTS THAT CHARLES HAD BEEN PICKED UP BY MEN IN CHILEAN ARMY UNIFORMS AND TAKEN TO THE NATIONAL STADIUM.

37. AMBASSADOR DAVIS THEN ASKED MR. PURDY ACCORDING TO MRS. HORMAN AND MR. HORMAN, WHETHER THOSE TIPS HAD LED TO ANYTHING. MR. PURDY REPLIED THAT HE KNEW NOTHING OF THE CALLS. MRS. HORMAN THEN POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT HIS NOTES ON THE CASE, WHICH SHE HAD BEEN SHOWN BY ANOTHER CONSULAR OFFICIAL, LISTED THE CALLS AND THE INFORMATION THEY CONTAINED.

38. AT THIS POINT THE HORMAN ACCOUNT WENT ON, MR. PURDY MRS. HORMAN, "YES, THE INFORMATION ON THE CALLS IS HERE." MRS. HORMAN, "YES, THE INFORMATION ON THE CALLS IS HERE."

39. THE AMBASSADOR THEN ASKED THAT THE CALLS AND THE NEIGHBORS' REPORTS BE CHECKED OUT....

40. ON OCTOBER 3 THE EMBASSY RECEIVED A NOTE FROM THE UNCLASSIFIED

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CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTRY--LATER CORRECTED IN ANOTHER NOTE DATED OCTOBER 22 AND GIVEN TO MR. HORMAN--SAYING THAT MR. HORMAN HAD BEEN JAILED ON 20 SEPTEMBER AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED THE NEXT DAY."

41. EDMUND HORMAN CITES THIS LETTER AS AN EXAMPLE OF LACK OF INITIATIVE ON THE PART OF THE EMBASSY. HE FEELS THAT IT SHOULD HAVE PICKED UP THIS DISCREPANCY IN DATES AND QUESTIONED THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT.

42. A STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SAID THAT THE AMBASSADOR DID QUESTION THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT ON THIS MATTER. THE OFFICIAL NOTED THAT GETTING INFORMATION AT THE TIME WAS DIFFICULT....

43. IN A LETTER TO MR. HORMAN DATED OCTOBER 10 MR. PURDY SAID: "THE MORGUE HAS VERIFIED TO ME THAT PRINTS ARE TAKEN ALMOST IMMEDIATELY OF ALL BODIES AT THE MORGUE, AND SENT TO IDENTIFICATION. THERE THEY ARE CHECKED AGAINST ALL PRINTS ON FILE, WHICH INCLUDES ANYONE WHO HAS GOTTEN A CHILEAN ID CARD OR ANYONE WHOSE PRINTS HAVE OTHERWISE BEEN FURNISHED THEM.

44. "THE LATTER CATEGORY AS WELL AS THE FORMER APPLIES TO YOUR SON SINCE WE SUPPLIED THEM WITH HIS CALSSIFICATION ON OCTOBER 2."

45. "WE SPECIFICALLY ASKED THE PRINTS BE USED TO VERIFY WHETHER ANYONE OF THE UNIDENTIFIED BODIES MIGHT BE THAT OF CHARLES, AND WERE LATER INFORMED THAT NONE COULD BE SO IDENTIFIED," THE LETTER CONCLUDED.

46. THE WORD FROM THE EMBASSY AND CONSULATE THAT MR. HORMAN AND CHARLES'S WIFE RECEIVED DAILY WAS THAT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE WAS BEING DONE- THERE WAS EMBASSY SPECULATION ON CHARLES'S FATE. PERHAPS, THE HORMANS SAY THEY WERE TOLD, CHARLES WAS IN HIDING, PERHAPS HE WAS DETAINED AND RELEASED, AND THEN PICKED UP BY LEFTISTS AND KILLED.

47. ON OCTOBER 18 MR. HORMAN SAYS, AN INSPECTOR ROJAS FROM THE INVESTIGATION OFFICE VISITED HIM AND JOYCE HORMAN.
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HE SHOWED THEM A LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR THAT DIRECT HIM TO DEVOTE HIS ENTIRE EFFORT TO FINDING THE TRUTH ABOUT CHARLES.

48. THAT AFTERNOON MR. PURDY TELEPHONED MR. HORMAN TO TELL HIM THAT THE CHILEANS HAD MATCHED CHARLES'S FINGERPRINTS WITH THOSE OF THE BODY OF A MAN SHOT IN THE NATIONAL STADIUM ON SEPTEMBER 18 WHO HAD BEEN INTERRED IN THE WALL OF THE NATIONAL CEMETERY ON OCT 3.

49. THE HORMANS SAY THEY HAVE NEVER SEEN AN AUTOPSY REPORT AND ARE NOW BEING TOLD BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT IT HAS ASKED CHILE TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION TO A POLICY OF CREMATION AND

ALLOW THE RETURN OF THE BODY.

50. THE NEXT DAY INSPECTOR ROJAS PAID A CALL ON MR. HORMAN TO INFORM HIM OFFICIALLY OF THE DEATH. THE CONVERSATION IN SPANISH WAS BRIEF.

5L. MR. HORMAN ASKED "SHOT?" THE INSPECTOR REPLIED "YES". MR. HORMAN ASKED "IN THE STADIUM?" THE REPLY WAS YES. MR.

HORMAN ASKED "ON SEPT 18?" "YES", THE INSPECTOR REPLIED AND TURNED TO LEAVE. MR. HORMAN RECALLS THAT TEARS WERE STREAMING DOWN THE INSPECTOR'S FACE. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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